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SUMMARY: IN THIS MESSAGE, WE SUMMARIZE ALLIED POSITIONS  
ON THE HILEX/WINTEX EXERCISE SERIES AND WINTEX/CIMEX 79.  
END SUMMARY.

1. AS PROMISED IN REF I, WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY  
OF THE CURRENT VIEWS OF THE ALLIES REGARDING THE  
SCHEDULING OF HILEX 8 AND WINTEX 79, WITH OR WITHOUT AN  
ASSOCIATED CIMEX:

--A.FRG: HAS CONSISTENTLY HELD THAT;  
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1) FREQUENT EXERCISES ARE ESSENTIAL TO MAINTAIN A HIGH  
STATE OF READINESS, AND 2) NO PERMANENT SPACES SHOULD BE  
ADDED TO THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF. INITIALLY, THE RELE-  
VANT MINISTRIES IN BONN COULD NOT AGREE ON WHICH, IF ANY,  
EXERCISE SHOULD BE CUT AND WHICH SHOULD BE RETAINED;  
HOWEVER, AT AMBASSADOR PAULS' INSISTENCE, BONN AGREED LAST  
WEEK TO SECOND ONE OFFICER TO THE COUNCIL OPERATIONS AND

EXERCISE (COE) DIRECTORATE FOR TWO YEARS, AT GERMAN EXPENSE, TO ASSIST IN PREPARING WINTEX/CIMEX 79, BUT HE HAS NO CEP EXPERIENCE. FRG NOW HOLDS THAT HILEX 8 AND WINTEX/CIMEX 79 SHOULD PROCEED AS SCHEDULED.

--B. UK: COEC REP (LEGGE) BELIEVES HIS AUTHORITIES WILL APPROVE CIMEX 79 PROVIDED IT 1) DOES NOT INTERRUPT THE NORMAL HILEX/WINTEX SEQUENCE, AND 2) CAN BE "DONE RIGHT" NOTWITHSTANDING TIME AND STAFF CONSTRAINTS. LONDON IS ALSO CONSIDERING SECONDING A NATIONALLY-FUNDED OFFICER TO ASSIST IN EXERCISE PLANNING. THE UK HAS IDENTIFIED A NOMINEE, BUT NOT YET DECIDED ON FUNDING. WE UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THE UK NOMINEE'S EXPERIENCE IS SOLELY IN GENERAL EXERCISE PLANNING AND IS NOT ORIENTED TOWARD CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING (CEP).

--C. THE NETHERLANDS: COEC/SCEPC REP (HOFMAN) HOLDS THAT CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANS WILL NOT BE SUFFICIENTLY ADVANCED BY 1979 TO WARRANT A CIMEX (REF F). HE BELIEVES IN ADDITION THAT MCM-15-77, THE RAPID REINFORCEMENT CONCEPT, WILL ENGENDER "TOUGH POLITICAL STRUGGLE AND FIGHTING", WHICH IS NOT LIKELY TO BE RESOLVED QUICKLY, AND BELIEVES THIS WILL FURTHER COMPLICATE CIMEX PLANNING. HE FAVORS HILEX 8 AND WINTEX 79 WITH LIMITED CEP PLAY, BUT WANTS TO DELAY A FULL-SCALE CIMEX TO 1981.(COMMENT: WE EXPECT HOFMAN'S VIEWS WILL PREVAIL AS THE OFFICIAL DUTCH POSITION. END COMMENT.)

--D. CANADA: BELIEVES NATO CONDUCTS TOO MANY EXERCISES WITH INSUFFICIENT FOLLOW-UP ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION; THEREFORE LEANS TOWARD ELIMINATING HILEX 8 IN FAVOR OF WINTEX 79, WITH OR WITHOUT AN ASSOCIATED CIMEX.  
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--E. PORTUGAL: WILL SUPPORT ANY CLEAR CONSENSUS WHICH MIGHT EMERGE, BUT, LIMITED BY DELEGATION AND NATIONAL STAFF CONSTRAINTS, FAVORS A SOLUTION WHICH WILL INVOLVE MINIMAL PARTICIPATION.

--F. DENMARK: DOES NOT YET HAVE AN OFFICIAL POSITION, BUT DANISH COEC REP (JENSEN) BELIEVES HIS AUTHORITIES WILL FAVOR THE REGULAR HILEX/WINTEX CYCLE WITH NO CIMEX IN 1979.

--G. NORWAY: LEADING NORWEGIAN EXERCISE EXPERT (VALEUR OF CEP DIRECTORATE, OSLO) WANTS TO SCRAP HILEX 8 AND FOCUS ON WINTEX/CIMEX 79; HOWEVER, MOD OPPOSES THIS VIEW, WITH OUTCOME NOT YET CERTAIN.

--H. TURKEY: COEC REP (OZCERI) SUPPORTS THE SACEUR PROPOSAL (REF I) ON A ONE-TIME BASIS, BUT ANKARA HAS NOT YET PROVIDED OFFICIAL RESPONSE.

--I. ITALY: DOES NOT YET HAVE AN OFFICIAL POSITION.  
COEC REP (CAPONE) BELIEVES IT IS ALREADY TOO LATE TO  
DEVELOP CIMEX FOR 1979 AND FAVORS NORMAL HILEX 8/WINTEX  
79 WITH CIMEX IN 1980 OR 1981.

--J. BELGIUM: NATO DELEGATION WILL NOT REQUEST INSTRUC-  
TIONS UNTIL ISSUES ARE CLARIFIED, BUT COEC REP (SCHMIDT)  
BELIEVES HILEX 8 IS ESSENTIAL. HE THINKS CIMEX IS IMPOR-  
TANT, BUT PERHAPS NOT ESSENTIAL IN 1979, ESPECIALLY

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IN VIEW OF COSTS INVOLVED.

2. WE ARE CURRENTLY STAFFING ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS RAISED  
REF J AND WILL RESPOND SHORTLY.BENNETT

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